

CLAIMS

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

1. A jewelry clasp comprising:

(a) first and second elongated legs;

(b) a receptor at one end of said first leg and having a pair of spaced side walls providing a channel-shaped recess for receiving the adjacent end of said second leg, said recess being dimensioned to seat said adjacent end of said second leg snugly, at least one of said side walls having a portion projecting towards the other of said side walls to provide a restriction in said channel-shaped recess to reduce the width of the channel to less than the width of said second leg, at least one of said side walls flexing as said second leg is pressed against said projecting portion to allow said second leg to pass thereby, said second leg being retained in said channel by said projecting portion; and

(c) means connecting the other ends of said first and second legs.

2. A jewelry clasp in accordance with Claim 1 wherein one of the side walls of said receptor is of greater length than the other end and has its outer end bent over the other of said side walls to provide a restricted lateral opening into said channel through which said second leg may be introduced.

3. A jewelry clasp in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said legs are integrally formed with a spring coiled portion at said other ends thereof, said spring coiled portion biasing said one end of said second leg towards said first leg and said receptor.

4. A jewelry clasp in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the flexing of said one side wall of said receptor to permit said second leg to pass by said projecting portion produces an audible clicking sound.

5. A jewelry assembly comprising:

(a) at least two elongated chains each having elements providing passages therethrough; and

(b) a clasp having:

(i) first and second elongated legs extending in spaced relationship and through passages in elements in each of said chains;

(ii) a receptor at one end of said first leg and having a pair of spaced side walls providing a channel-shaped recess for receiving the adjacent end of said second leg, said recess being dimensioned to seat said adjacent end of said second leg snugly, at least one of said side walls having a portion projecting towards the other of said side walls to provide a restriction in said channel-shaped recess to reduce the width of the channel to less than the width of said second leg, at least one of said side walls flexing as said second leg is pressed against said projecting portion to allow said second leg to pass thereby, said second leg being retained in said channel by said projecting portion; and

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(iii) means connecting the other ends of said first and second legs, whereby said chains are retained on said second leg between said receptor and said connecting means.

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6. The jewelry assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein one of the side walls of said receptor is of greater length than the other end and has its outer end bent over the other of said side walls to provide a restricted lateral opening into said channel through which said second leg may be introduced.

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7. The jewelry assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said legs are integrally formed with a spring coiled portion at other ends thereof, said spring coiled portion biasing said one end of said second leg towards said first leg and said receptor.

8. The jewelry assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein the flexing of said one side wall of said receptor to permit said second leg to pass by said projecting portion produces an audible clicking sound.

9. The jewelry assembly in accordance with Claim 5 wherein said elements in said chains comprise loops at the ends thereof.

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